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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

In a decision mailed July 24, 2008, the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences reversed the prior rejection under 35 U.S.C. §102 of appealed claims 21-50. The Board also entered a new ground of rejection under §101, but only with respect to claims 21-40.

By this Amendment, claims 21-40 are canceled, rendering the §101 rejection moot. Thus, only claims 41-50 remain in the application, and are in condition for allowance.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, all claims now pending in this Application are in condition for allowance. The issuance of a formal Notice of Allowance at an early date is respectfully requested.

If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at 202-481-9900.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any fees due or credit any overpayment to the deposit account of Townsend and Townsend and Crew LLP, Deposit Account No. 20-1430.

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